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By Senators Hargrove, Stevens

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in order to
4 allow courts to make well-informed placement decisions for children in
5 the care of the state, the courts must have accurate information,
6 including documentation supporting assertions or recommendations made
7 by social workers, when appropriate.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 In any proceeding under this chapter, if the department submits a
11 report to the court in which the department is recommending a new
12 placement or a change in placement, the department shall include the
13 documents relevant to persons in the home in which a child will be
14 placed and listed in subsections (1) through (5) of this section to the
15 report. The department shall include only these relevant documents and
16 shall not attach the entire history of the subject of the report.

17 (1) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion
18 by the department relating to substance abuse treatment, mental health
19 treatment, anger management classes, or domestic violence classes, the
20 department shall attach the document upon which the recommendation,
21 opinion, or assertion was based. The documentation may include the
22 progress report or evaluation submitted by the provider, but may not
23 include the entire history with the provider.

24 (2) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion
25 by the department relating to visitation with a child, the department
26 shall attach the document upon which the recommendation, opinion, or
27 assertion was based. The documentation may include the most recent
28 visitation report, a visitation report referencing a specific incident
29 alleged in the report, or summary of the visitation prepared by the

1 person who supervised the visitation. The documentation attached to
2 the report shall not include the entire visitation history.

3 (3) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion
4 by the department relating to the psychological status of a person, the
5 department shall attach the document upon which the recommendation,
6 opinion, or assertion was based. The documentation may include the
7 progress report, evaluation, or summary submitted by the provider, but
8 shall not include the entire history of the person.

9 (4) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion
10 by the department relating to injuries to a child, the department shall
11 attach a summary of the physician's report, prepared by the physician
12 or the physician's designee, relating to the recommendation, opinion,
13 or assertion by the department.

14 (5) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion
15 by the department relating to a home study, licensing action, or
16 background check information, the department shall attach the document
17 or documents upon which that recommendation, opinion, or assertion is
18 based.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall be known and cited as the
20 Rafael Gomez act.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
22 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
23 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
24 void."

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25 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "proceedings;" strike the
26 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
27 13.34 RCW; and creating new sections."

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